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RE: Filing of Acknowledgement for Dr. Robert Loube for Access to Confidential Materials in the Proceeding Captioned: In the Matter of Developing a unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92, Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135, Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90, High-Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337, A National Broadband Plan for our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51

## Dear Ms. Engledow:

Dr. Robert Loube is currently a paid consultant providing advice to the Maine Public Advocate office. On behalf of Dr. Loube the Public Advocate respectfully seeks access to confidential documents and information subject to the FCC's September 16, 2010 Protective Order in the above-captioned proceedings.

The September 16 Protective Order requires parties seeking such confidential access to execute a copy of the attached acknowledgement, and to "file it with the Bureau," and serve it upon each submitting party through its outside counsel of record.

Therefore, I am forwarding to you via email a copy of the acknowledgement signed by Dr. Loube, and I am also filing that signed acknowledgement in the above-referenced proceedings.

Dr. Loube would like to examine the confidential submissions of AT&T, NECA, and Verizon. Accordingly, I have this day both emailed and sent via first class mail a copy of this transmittal letter to the persons, email addresses and street addresses listed below. (I note that we could not find the



names of any outside counsel of record for NECA or for Verizon; and therefore have served the attached acknowledgement upon the in-house counsel that signed the relevant pleadings.

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## APPENDIX A

## Acknowledgment of Confidentiality

CC Docket No. 01-92, WC Docket Nos. 05-337, 07-135, 10-90, GN Docket No. 09-51

I hereby acknowledge that I have received and read a copy of the foregoing Protective Order in the above-captioned proceedings, and I understand it. I agree that I am bound by the Protective Order and that I shall not disclose or use Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information except as allowed by the Protective Order. I acknowledge that a violation of the Protective Order is a violation of an order of the Federal Communications Commission.

Without limiting the foregoing, to the extent that I have any employment, affiliation, or role with any person or entity other than a conventional private law firm (such as, but not limited to, a lobbying or advocacy organization), I acknowledge specifically that my access to any information obtained as a result of the Protective Order is due solely to my capacity as Counsel or consultant to a party or other person described in paragraph 3 of the foregoing Protective Order and that I will not use such information in any other capacity, nor will I disclose such information except as specifically provided in the Protective Order.

I hereby certify that I am not involved in "competitive decision-making" as that term is used in the definition of In-House Counsel in paragraph 3 of the Protective Order.

I acknowledge that it is my obligation to ensure that: (1) Stamped Confidential Documents and Confidential Information are used only as provided in the Protective Order; and (2) Stamped Confidential Documents are not duplicated except as specifically permitted by the terms of the Protective Order.

I certify that I have verified that there are in place procedures at my firm or office to prevent unauthorized disclosure of Stamped Confidential Documents or Confidential Information.

Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Protective Order.

Executed at Silver Spring this? ? day of April

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